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Peep! Peep! This is a great issue of 'Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends'. It's packed full of stories and things to do! In our first story 'Safari park special!', we find out why little engines can be Really Useful, then you can read more about safari animals in our exciting feature! Thomas also learns about animals that live near water in our 'read-aloud story', 'Thomas and the otters!' See how many water creatures you can name at the end of the story! And finally, read about Thomas's bumpy ride at the fair in our last story, 'The bumper engine!' There's also part 1 of a FREE colourful engine wall chart to collect and keep! Peep! Peep!

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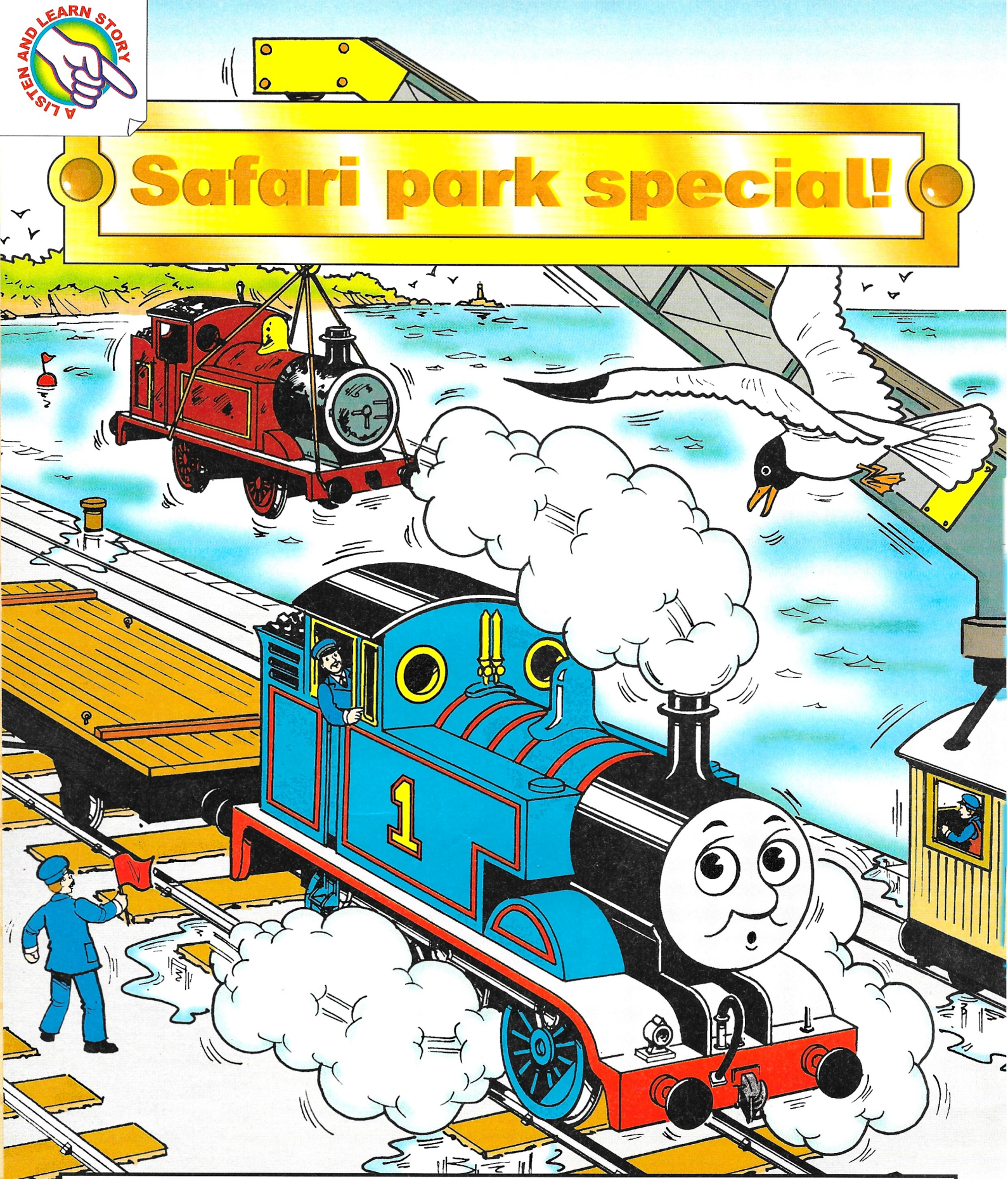
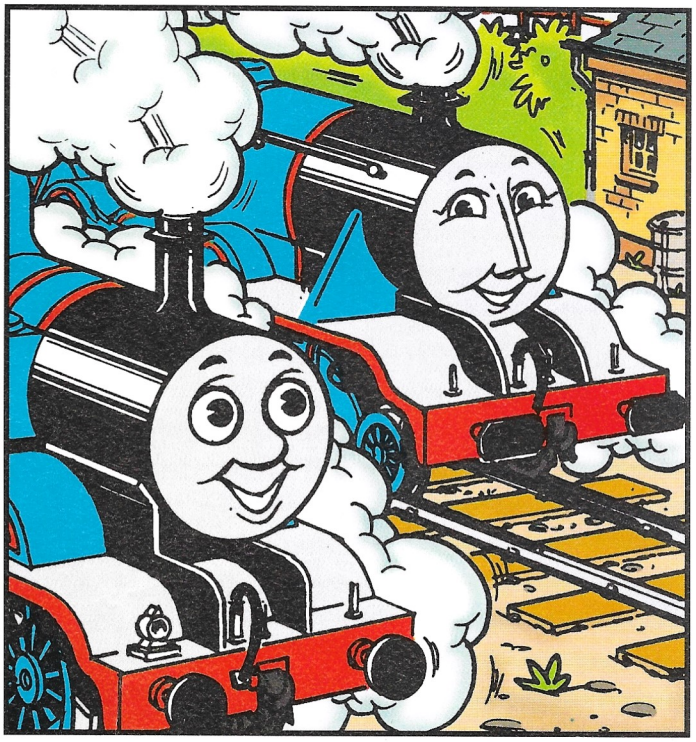


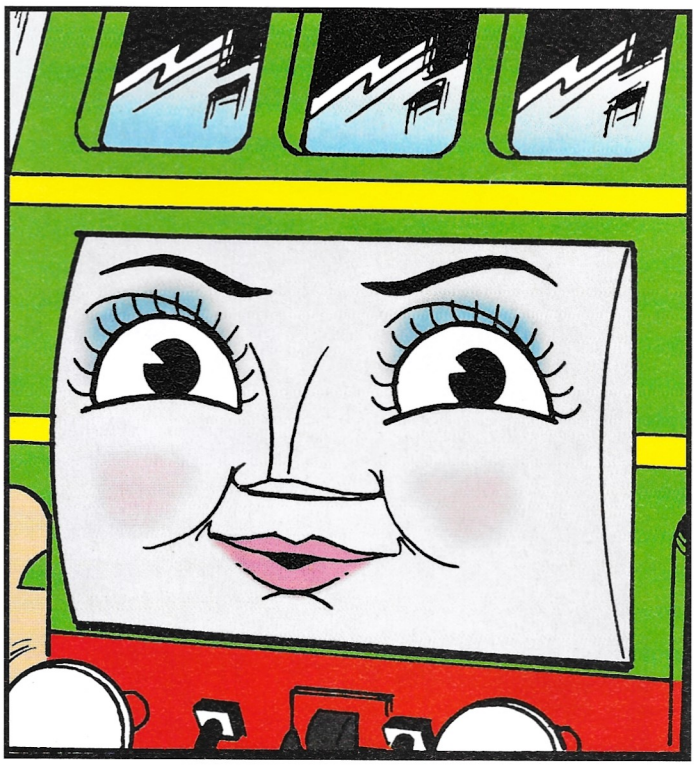
1. One morning, Thomas was sent to the Big Harbour to meet a ship that was arriving from the mainland. First, he was coupled to a flat truck.

2. "I wonder what cargo I'm to carry?" Thomas thought. When he arrived, a crane lifted a rusty engine off the boat on to Thomas's flat truck.

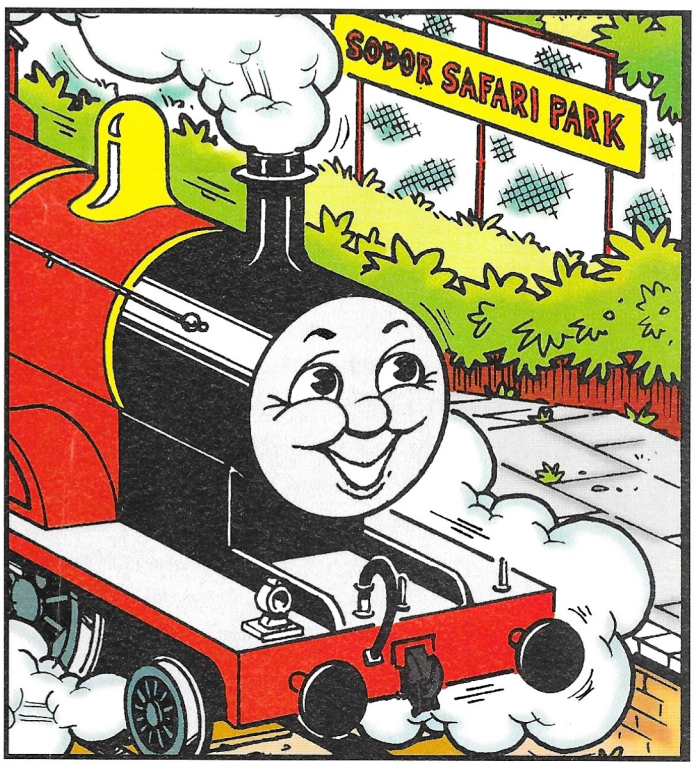
3. “Smoke and fire!” he cried. “What use is that engine?” To Thomas’s surprise, he had to take it to the Works. Then he returned to the Main Station.



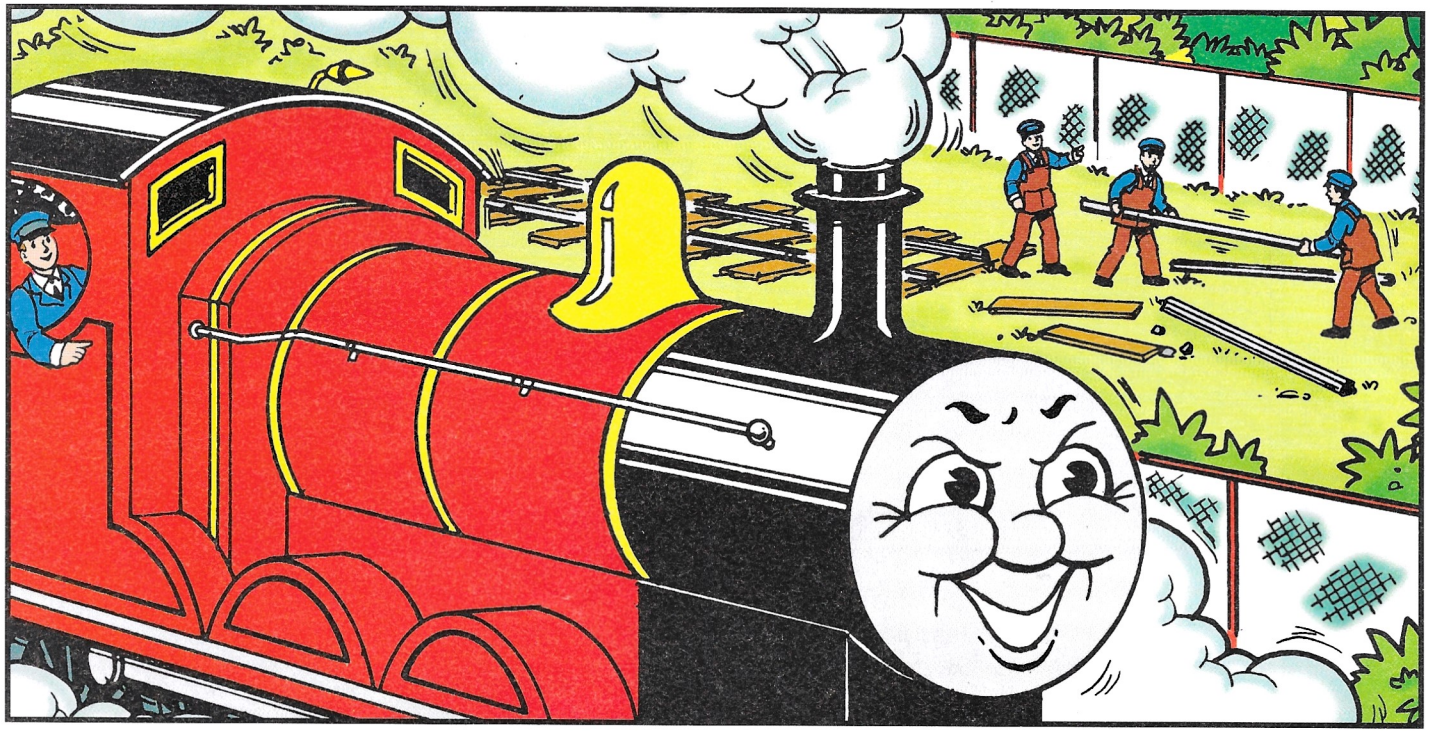
4. Thomas told the others his news. “It’s sure to be broken up for scrap!” snorted Gordon. “The Fat Controller only needs big, strong engines, like me!”



5. “And clean, modern diesel railcars, like me!” sniffed Daisy. “That engine’s even too small to run on our lines,” said Thomas. The little tank engine was puzzled.

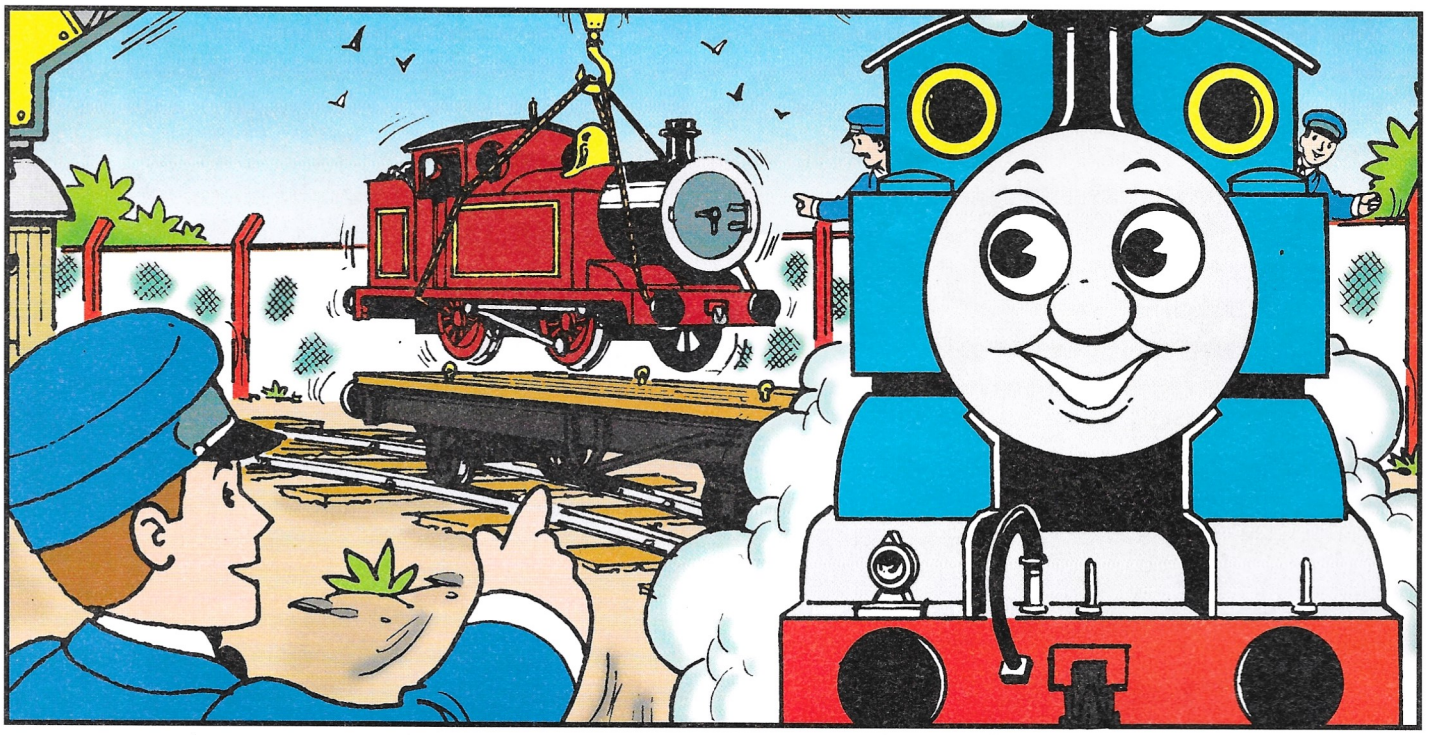


6. Next day, James had to take workmen and new track to the Island of Sodor’s **safari** park. As he rolled into the station, he saw many different animals.



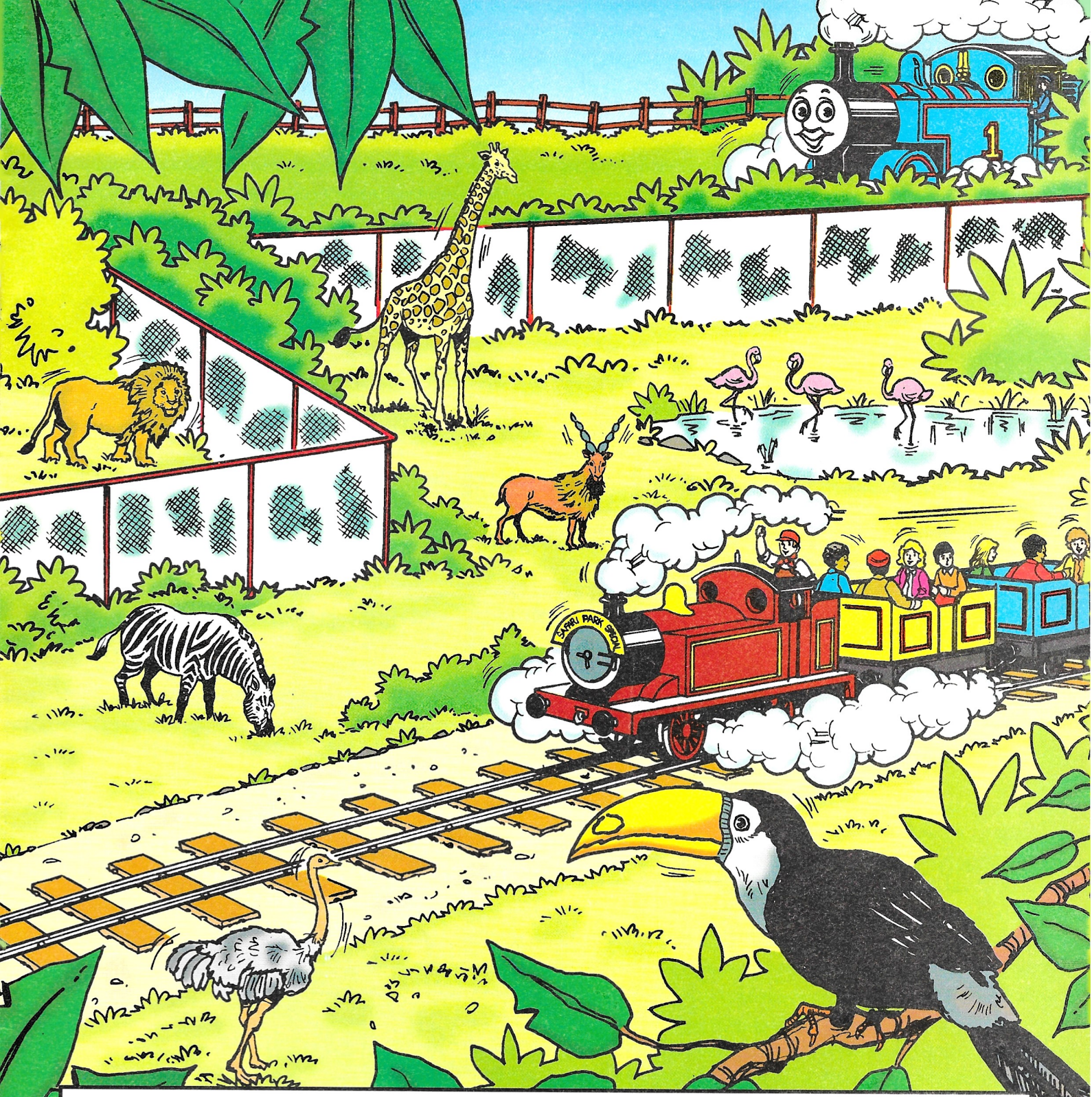
7. The workmen began to build a narrow railway line that went through the park. "I'm too big to run on those tiny tracks," James called to his driver.

8. "I've heard they're for a brand-new engine!" the driver replied. "Well, it can't be that rusty little old one!" laughed James, unkindly.



9. Two weeks later, Thomas was coupled to the flat truck again. He had to collect the little engine from the Works. Thomas arrived and stared in disbelief.

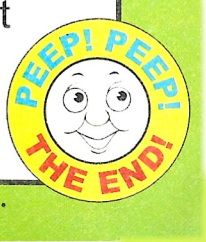
10. Now the little engine looked brand-new. How its paintwork gleamed smartly. For the second time, it was lifted on to Thomas's flat truck.



11. "Next stop, the **safari park**!" called his driver. There, the little engine was unloaded. Some bright, new carriages were waiting. They had arrived by road. Soon the little engine proudly carried its first passengers around the **safari park** so people could easily see the animals.

12. Word of the **'Safari park special'** soon spread. Some of Thomas's friends were jealous of the engine because it had such an important job. But Thomas laughed. "Little engines can be Really Useful, too!" he told Gordon and Daisy. "It may be small, but it's a big success!"

What types of wild animals can you see in the **safari park?**



Around the Safari Park!

Thomas and the little engine have just pulled into the safari park! Look at all the animals! The animal kingdom is made up of birds, mammals, reptiles and insects. Although some mammals such as bats can fly, only birds have feathers!

Below, there are pictures of birds and mammals! Fill in each of the boxes after you have read about each animal! Write m if you have read about a **mammal** or **b** if you have read about a **bird**!

Toucan!

Toucans usually live in the South American jungles. Their beaks are brightly coloured and they eat fruit. They are related to the woodpecker family!

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Is the toucan a bird or a mammal?

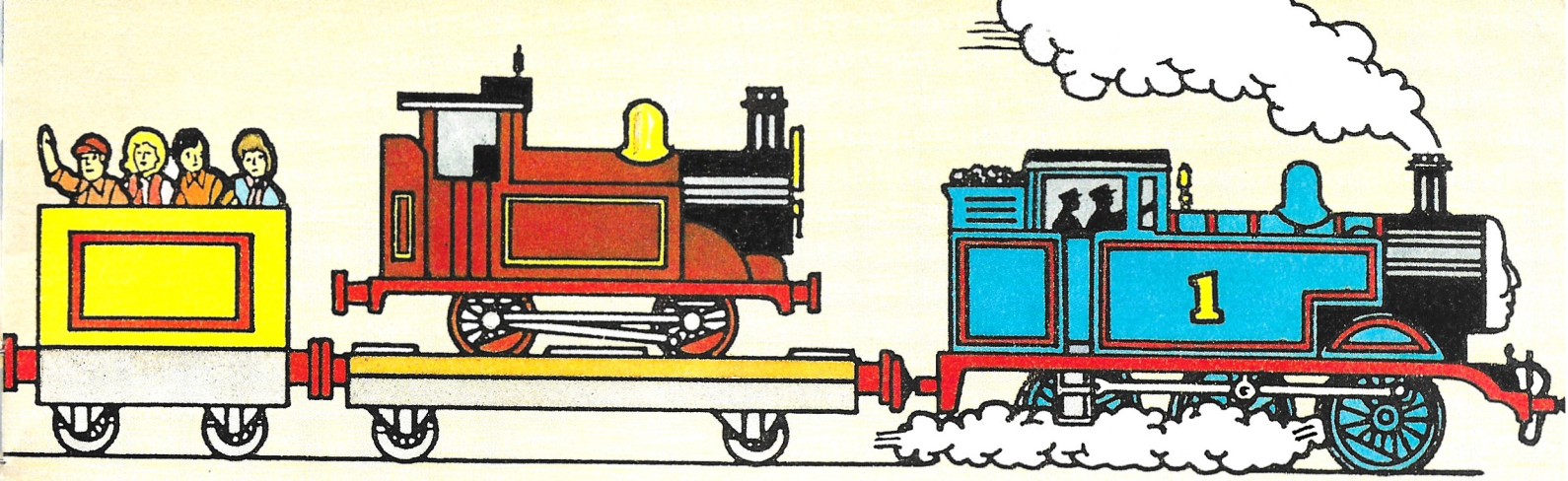
Fill in your answer in the box →

Zebra!

Zebras are striped horses! They are lively, friendly animals who live in family groups in the open plains in Africa, feeding on grass and leaves.

Is the zebra a bird or a mammal?

Fill in your answer in the box →



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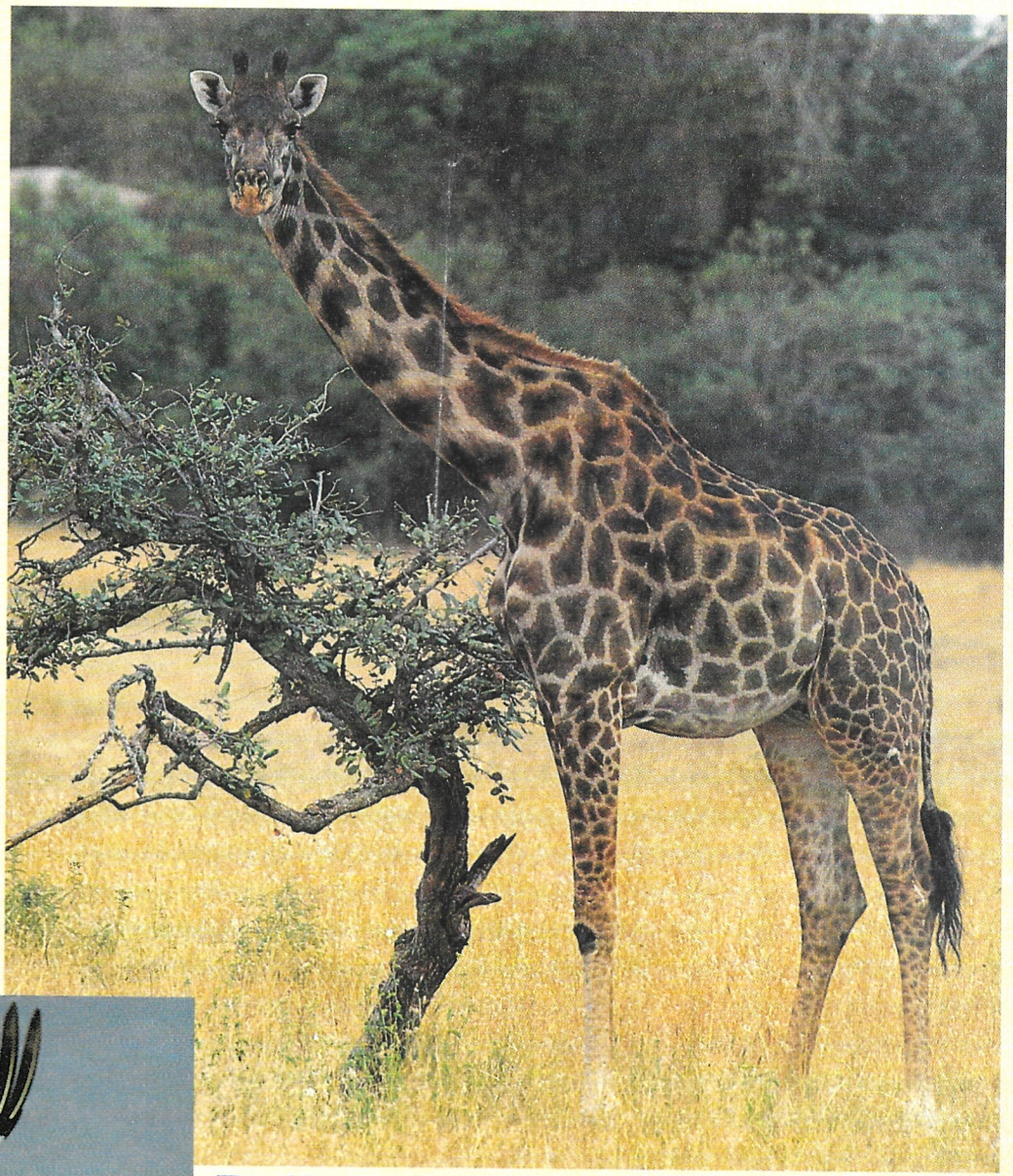
Giraffe!

The giraffe family also live within the open plains of Africa! They have very long legs and they can run faster than a horse. They also have very long necks which they use to reach leaves on tall trees and plants!

Is the giraffe a bird or a mammal?

Fill in your answer in the box →



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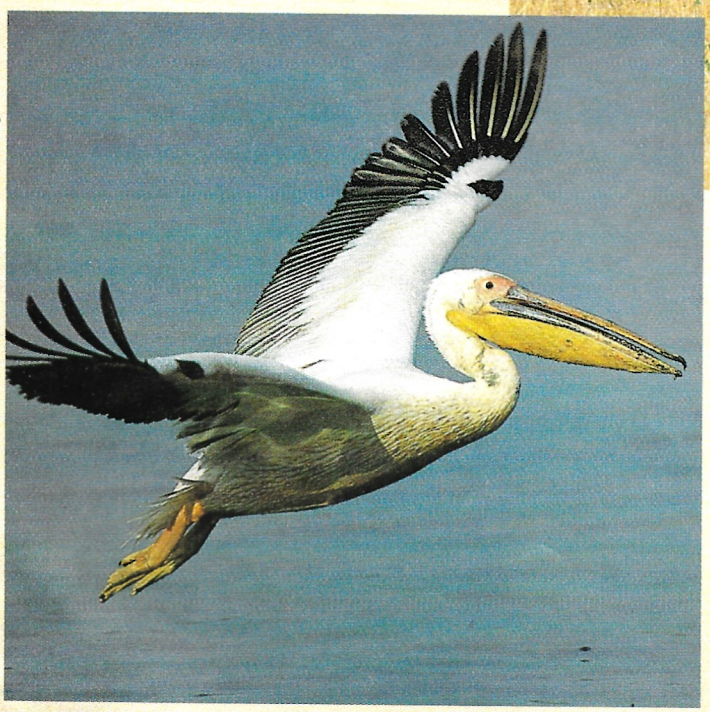


Pelican!

A pelican has a large pouch on its beak which can hold up to three times as much food as its stomach. The pelican uses its special beak as a scoop to catch fish.

Is the pelican a bird or a mammal?

Fill in your answer in the box →

YOUR LETTERS

STAR LETTER!

The sender of any letter that is printed as our STAR LETTER will win a splendid Thomas push and pull motorised engine!

Dear Fat Controller,
Could you tell me why the 'City of Truro' engine hasn't got a face?
Love from **Joshua Lee**, aged 2 *(with help from Mum and Dad).*

The 'City of Truro' was a special visitor to the Island of Sodor railway! Most of our engine visitors do not have faces because they do not work on the Fat Controller's Railway!

UNUSUAL ENGINES!

Dear Fat Controller,
My favourite engine is Gordon! Who mends him when he breaks down?
Love from **Daryl Charman**, aged 4.

Gordon is repaired by the same mechanic who fitted him with special boiler parts, after he began to fail his test runs. However, the big Express Engine is well known for meeting his schedules. All the other engine use regular mechanics to mend an change their engine parts too!

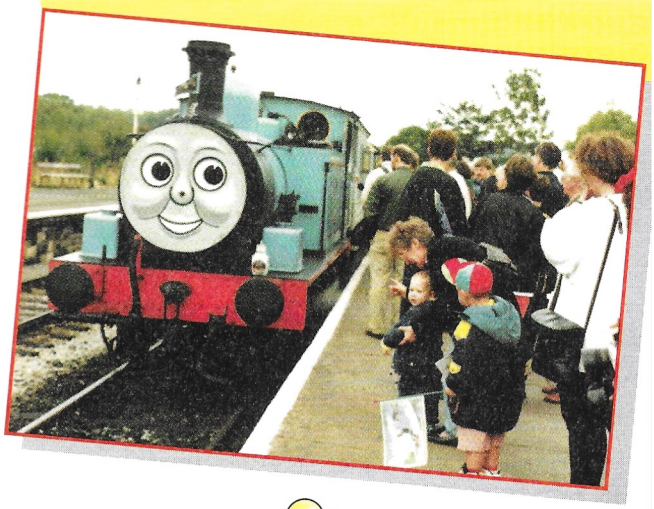
ENGINE NUMBERS!

Dear Fat Controller,
How many engines do you have on your railway?
Love from **Matthew Foster**, age 5.

I currently have twenty-four (24) engines actively working on the Island of Sodor railway. These include mountain and traction engines!

PHOTO STOP!

Dear Fat Controller,
Here is a photograph of me with my Grandma, when we went to visit Thomas and his friends. Thomas is helping Diesel to pull the Troublesome Trucks back to their siding.
Love from **Joseph Huzar**, aged 2.



BIRTHDAYS!

Oliver Thomas Haylett, Liam Graham, **Shaun West,** Matthew Watson, **Linda Kavanagh,** Edward Bloom, **Timothy David Hall,** Gary Whitaker, **Nicholas Burdall,** Gary and Trevor Lightner and **Simon Osborne.**

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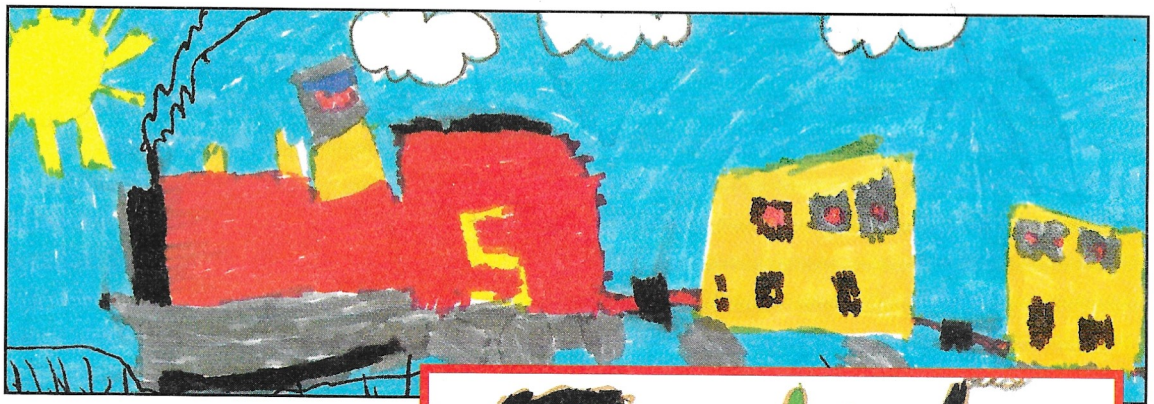
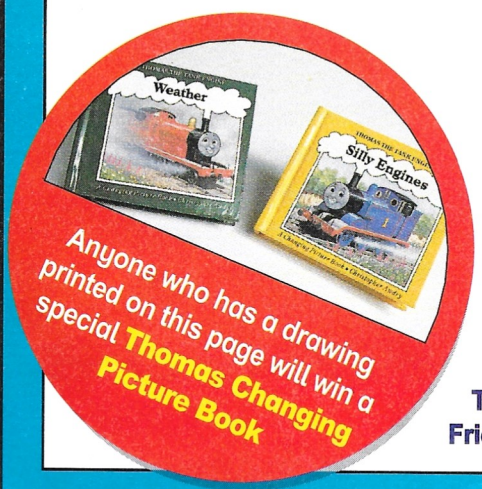
Thank you for sending your smashing drawings and pictures to the Fat Controller's Drawing Board!



James the Red Engine is pulling two important passenger coaches on a bright sunny day! Our warmest congratulations go out to Robert Richardson for his splendid picture!

Benjamin Ferguson, aged 5, has sent us this big, bright picture of Henry the Green Engine, as he puffs past the railway windmill!

Andrew Knapp has drawn Thomas pulling his faithful carriages Annie and Clarabel along his busy branch line. Well done, Andrew!



Anyone who has a drawing printed on this page will win a special **Thomas Changing Picture Book**

If you would like to have your drawing or painting displayed on this page, then please send your entries to: The Fat Controller's Drawing Board, Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends, Marvel Comics Ltd., 13-15 Arundel St., London, WC2R 3DX.

CUT OUT AND KEEP

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Which engine can you see?

What colour are her stripes?

Point to the guard!

What colours are his jacket and overall?

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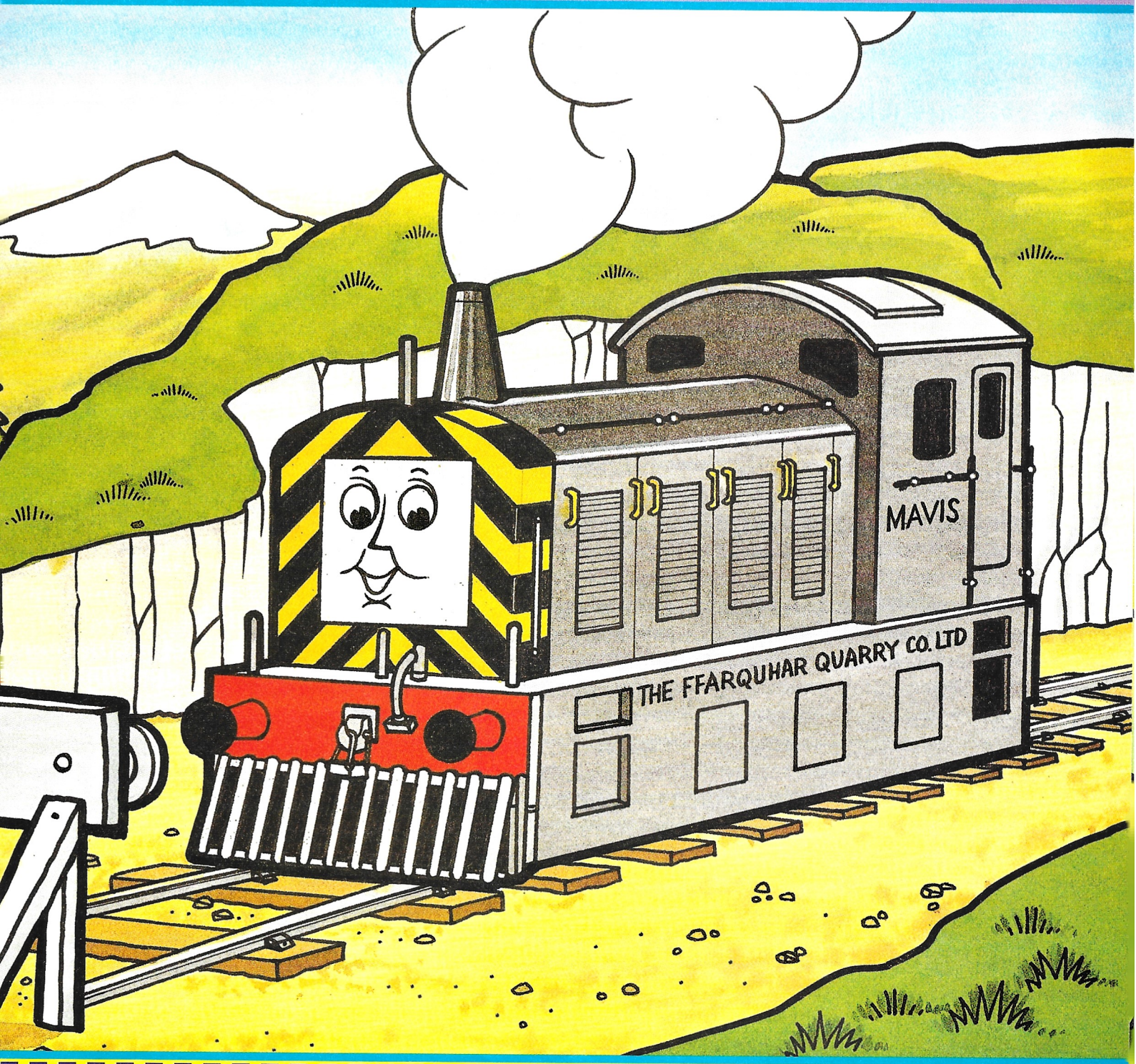

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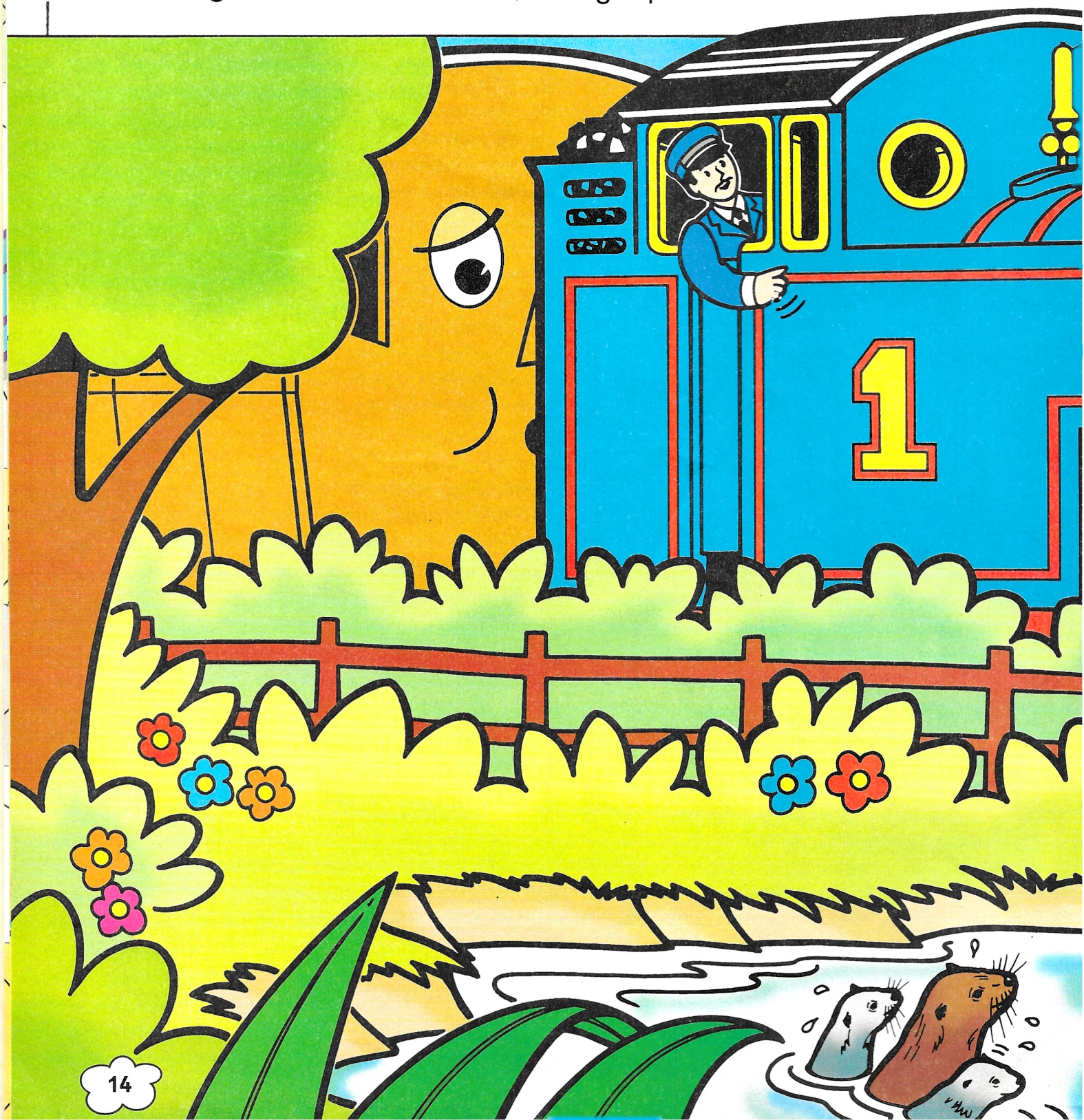
This centrespread should be cut out as it forms part of a continuous scene for your child's bedroom, playgroup or classroom.

Thomas and the otters!

One day, Thomas took some fishermen to a station, near a lake. He was to collect them again in the evening. Later that afternoon, rail repairs meant Thomas had to go along an old loopline. It was hardly ever used. He puffed through the countryside, by a peaceful river.



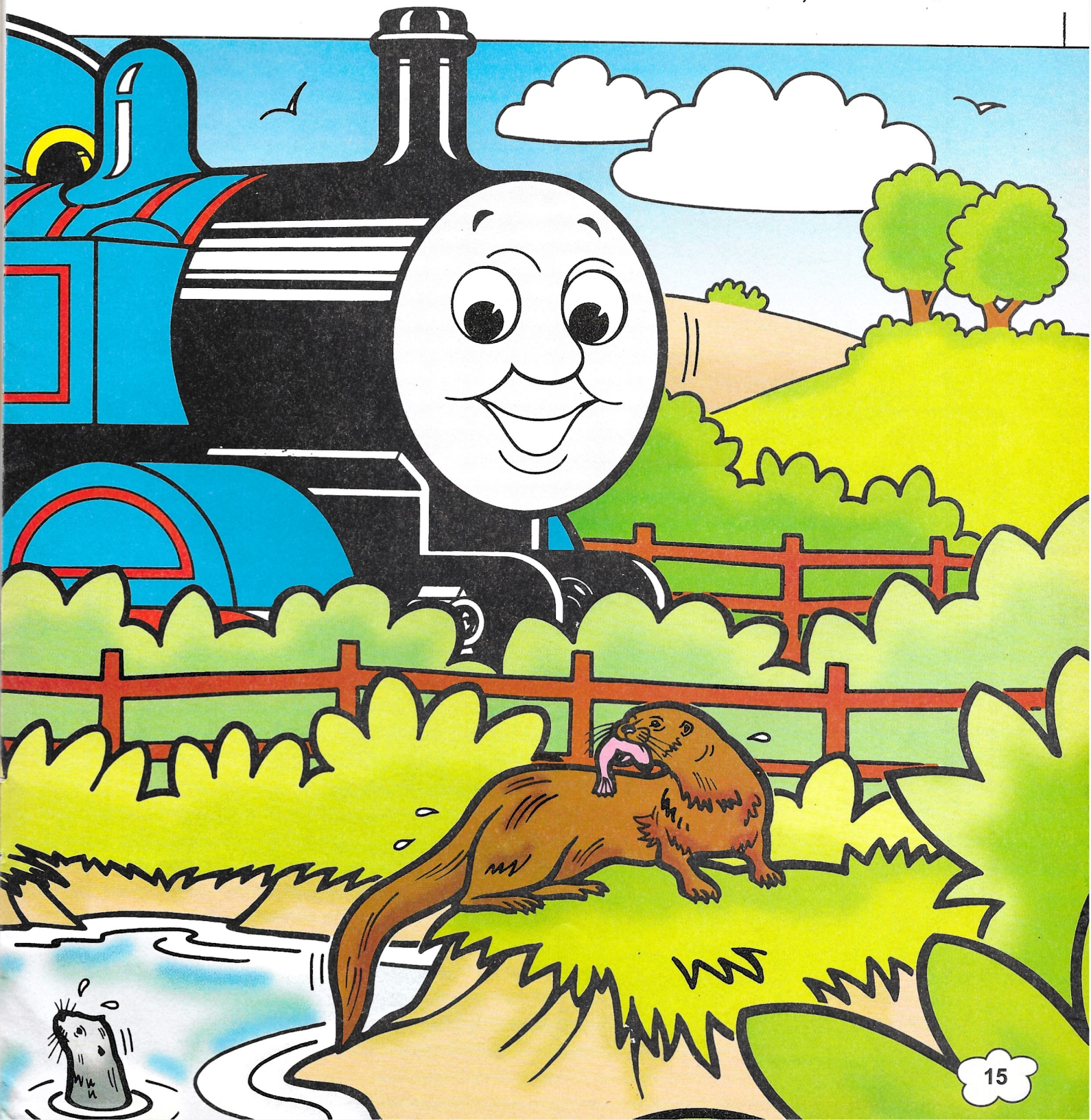
Suddenly, a man appeared beside the track. He waved urgently at Thomas. The driver shut off steam and pulled on the brake.

"My car has broken down on the level crossing around the next bend," the man called. "I heard an engine and came to warn you!"

Thomas was left alone while his crew went to help move the car. Before long, it began to get dark. It was very quiet.

"I wonder if there are fish in the river?" thought Thomas.

Next moment, he saw a



long, sleek, furry animal scamper out of some reeds. Then it slid down a muddy slope straight into the water. Soon, another one appeared with three baby animals. Thomas watched them all playing and splashing noisily. Then, one of the parent animals dived under the water and caught a fish.

The animals hurried off as Thomas's crew returned. Thomas told his driver what had happened.

"It was a family of otters," said the driver. "It's rare to see them and they must not be disturbed! The young are called cubs."

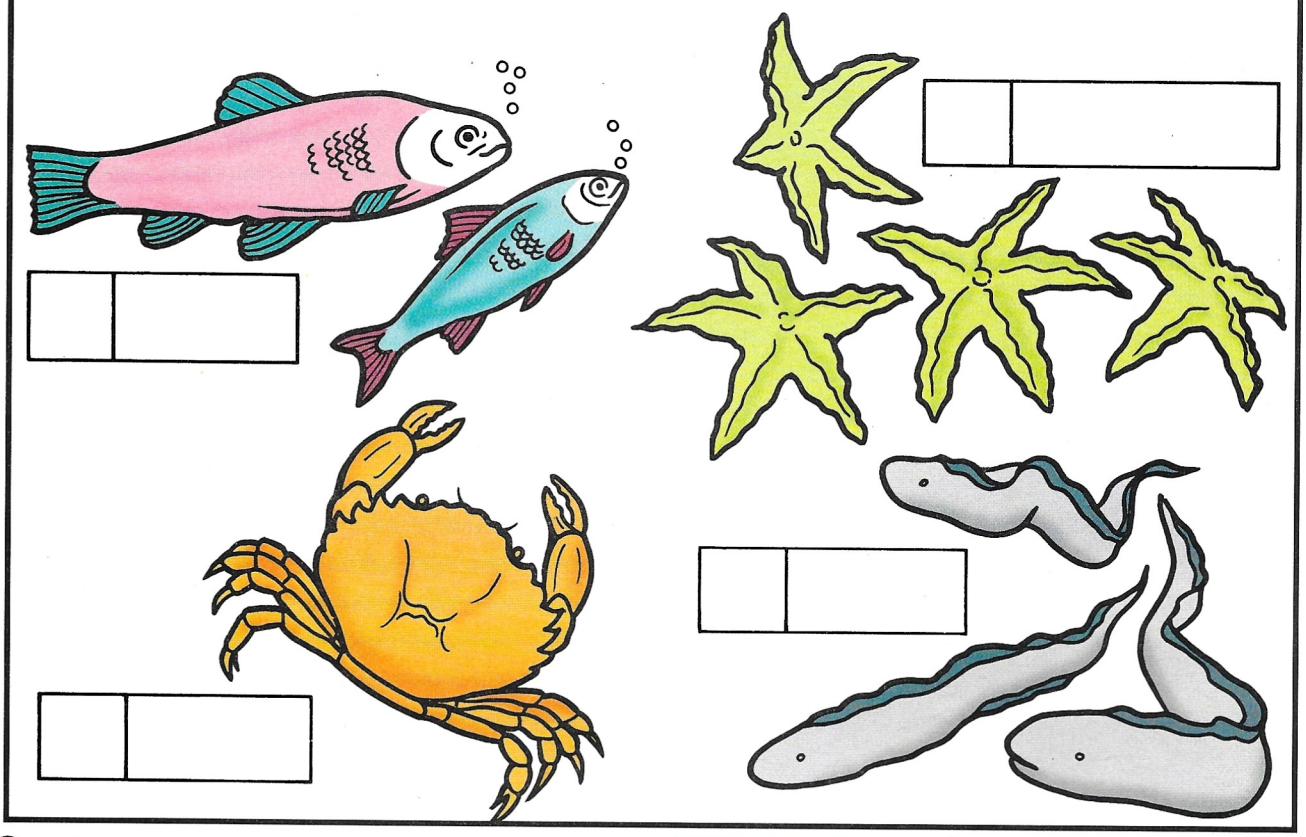
"Otters catch fish, too!" smiled Thomas.

At last, he set off to pick up the fishermen. They were waiting for him at the station. Some hadn't even caught a single fish.

"There must be another place where the fishing is better!" they complained.

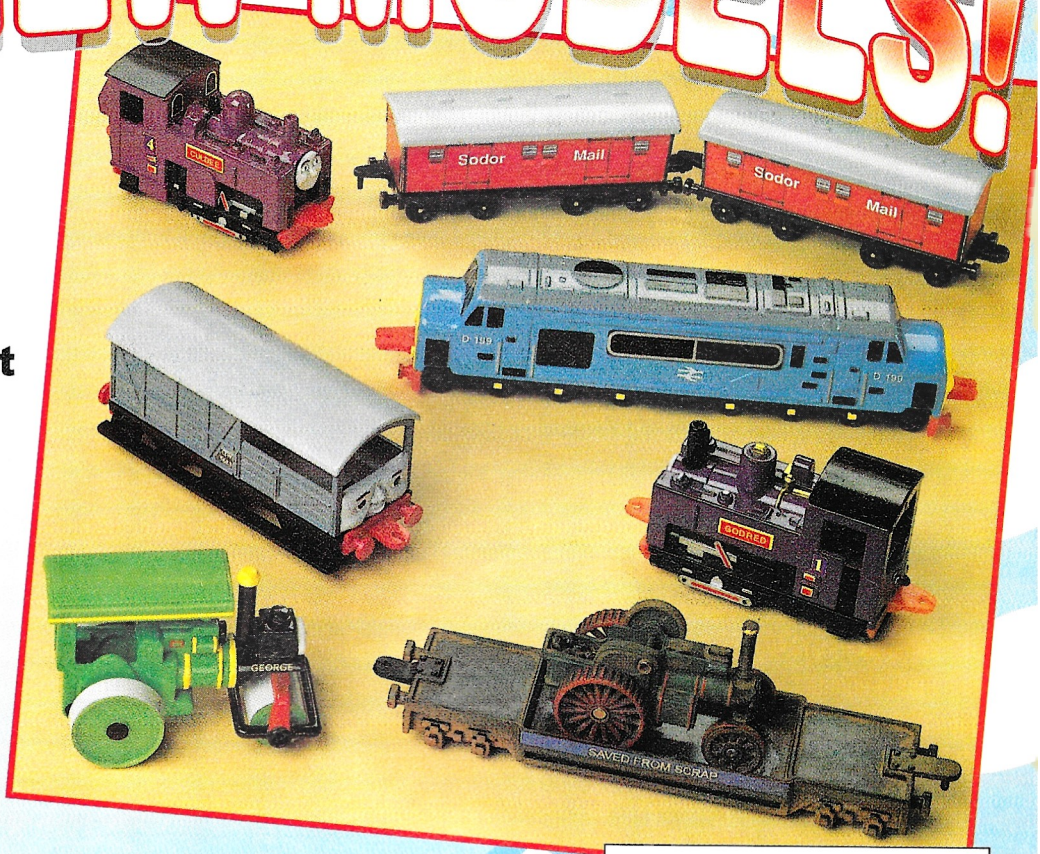
Thomas knew one. It belonged to the otters. He smiled at his driver but neither of them said a word.

Can you count and name these water creatures?



Answers: 2 fish, 3 eels, 1 crab, 4 starfish!

WIN NEW MODELS!



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'The Fat Controller's two grandchildren are called Stephen and Bridget!'

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Tick the correct box inside the entry coupon then ask a grown up to send this page, along with your name and address, to **New Models Competition, Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends, Marvel Comics Ltd., 13-15 Arundel St., London, WC2R 3DX by March 24th, 1995!**

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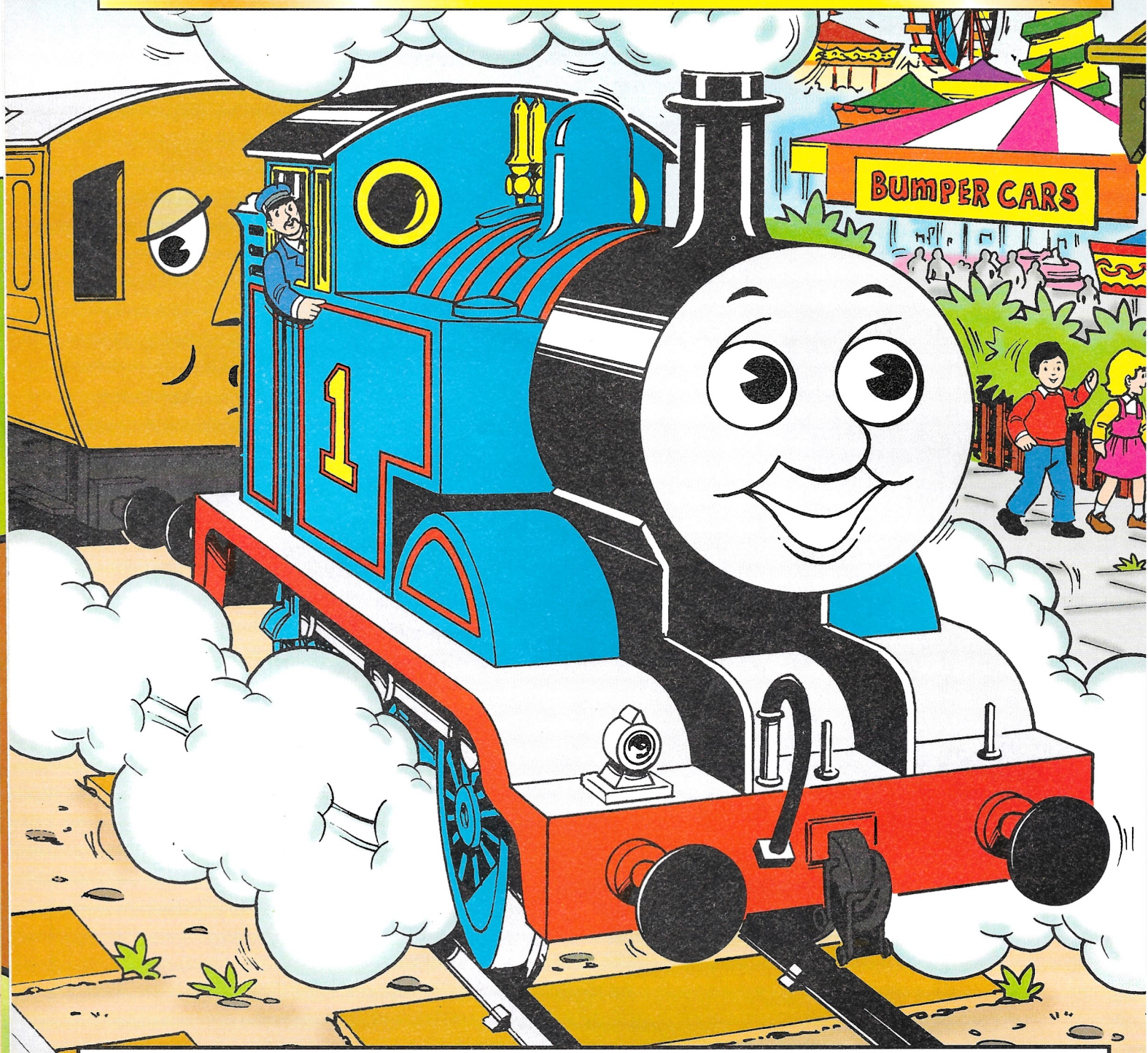
The bumper engine!



1. "Peep! Peep! Look!" Thomas whistled as he pulled into a station on his busy branch line. Beside it was a colourful fairground.

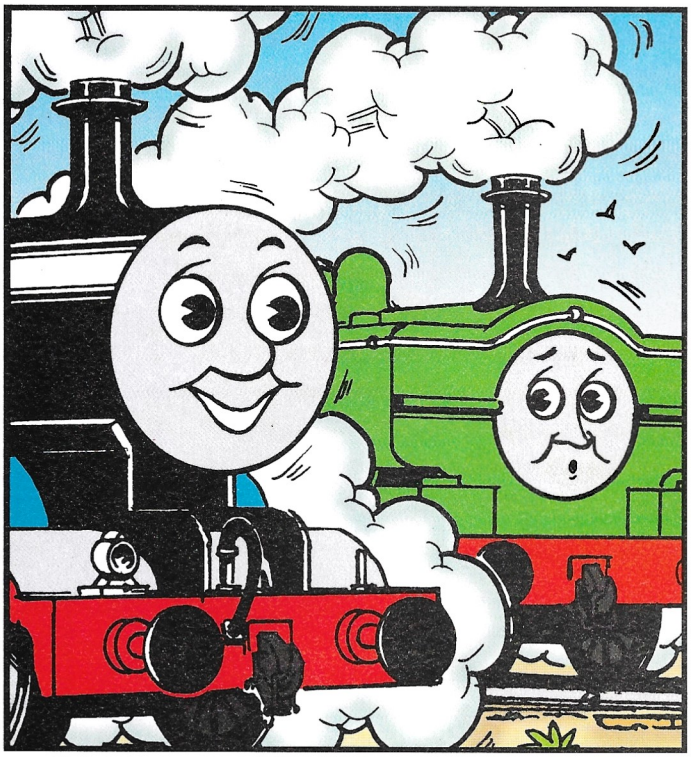
2. Thomas heard loud music. There were people laughing and shouting as they went on lots of rides. "Why not try the bumper cars?" a man called.

3. Thomas wondered what the bumper cars were. While the passengers hurried off down the platform, Thomas's driver pointed to the bumper cars.

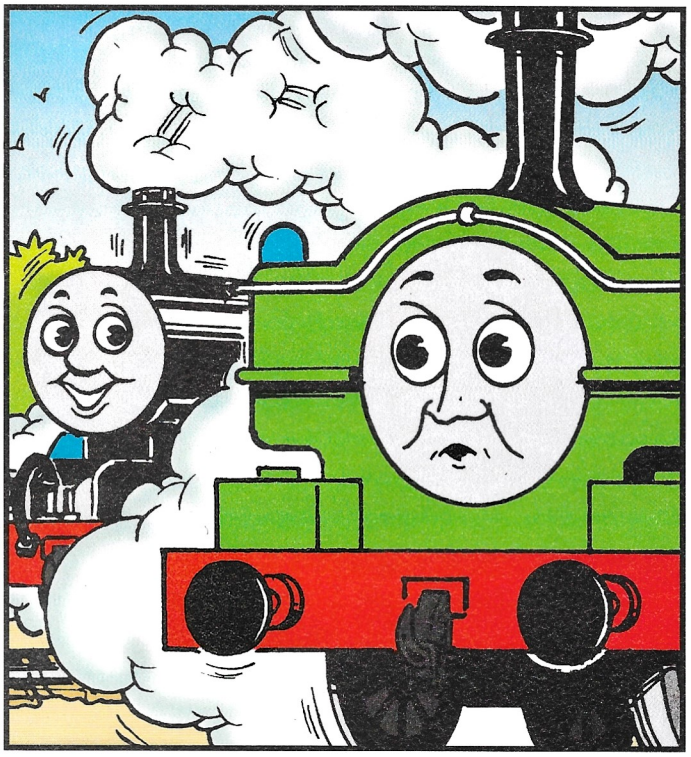
4. Thomas stared in surprise. As people began to drive them, they steered the cars into each other on purpose! Thomas wondered why.

5. "Smoke and fire! Why are they doing that?" he called. "It's fun," replied his driver. "The cars are specially built so they can bump into each other safely!"

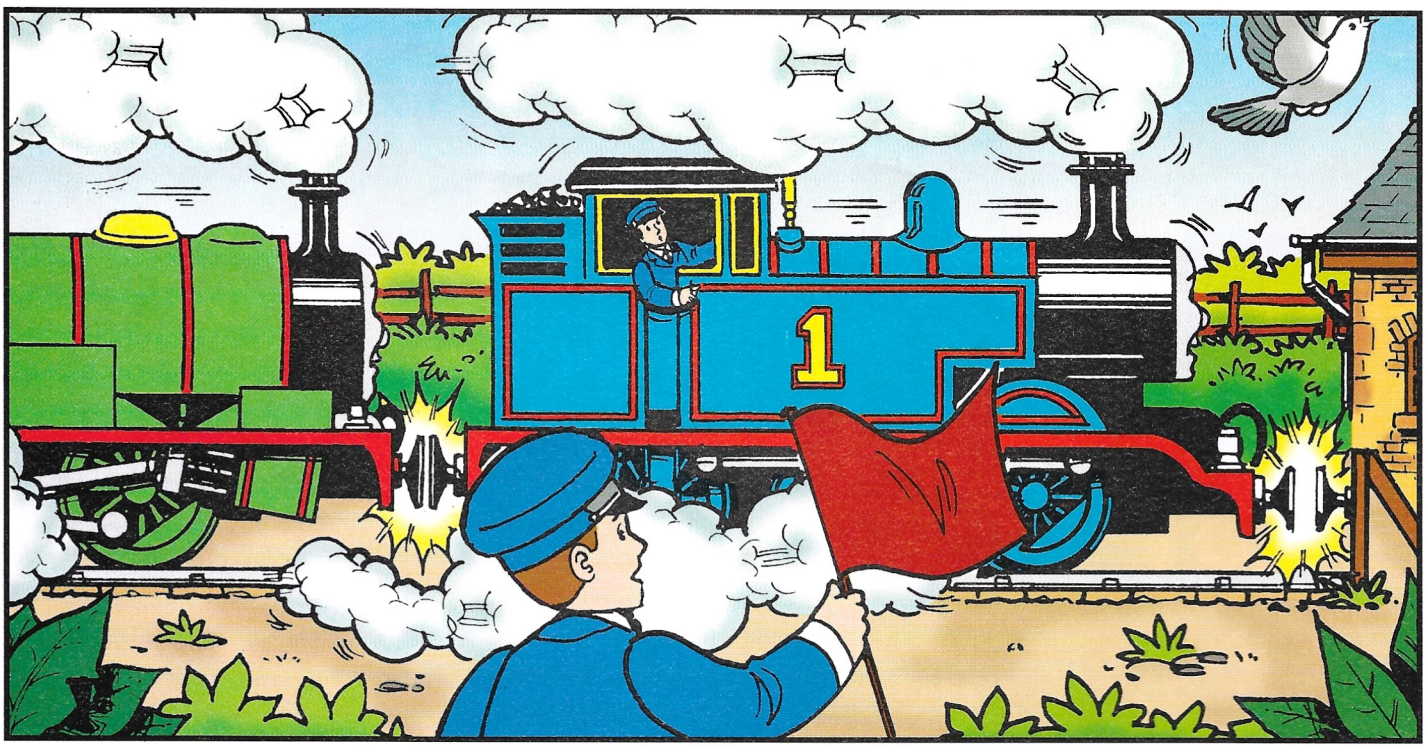
6. Thomas was still thinking about them as he returned to the Main Station. Uncoupled from Annie and Clarabel, he steamed slowly into a siding.



7. Duck was working nearby. "You'll never guess what I saw!" called Thomas. "Cars that can bump each other because their passengers enjoy it!"

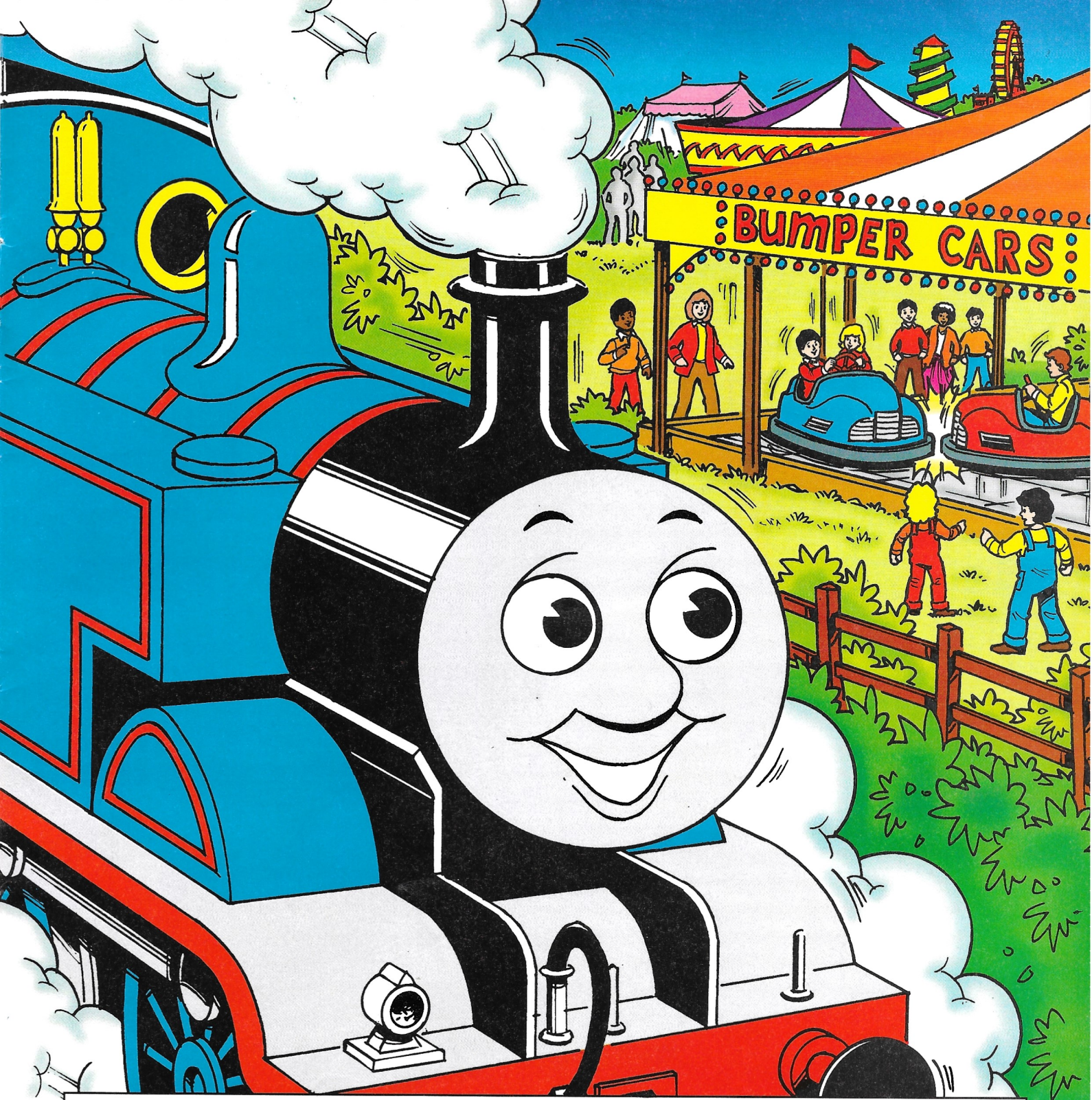


8. "I wouldn't!" replied Duck. "Neither would I!" hissed Thomas. "If I bumped my passengers they'd soon complain to the Fat Controller!"



9. Then, Percy puffed into the yard. But he did not slow down fast enough and he headed straight for Thomas. "Look out!" Thomas shouted.

10. Too late! Poor Thomas was bumped from behind. He rolled forwards and hit some buffers, too. "Ouch! Clumsy!" he cried. "Sorry!" said Percy.



11. Luckily, Thomas was not hurt, only shaken up. "Now you know what it's like to be a bumper car!" called Duck. "You mean, a bumper engine!" huffed Thomas. "If that's meant to be good fun, then I'm a super-strong express engine!" The next day, Thomas went back to the fair.

12. It was evening but the whole fair was lit up. Thomas saw a merry-go-round, a big wheel, and a helter-skelter. "There's much more to fairs than bumper cars!" said his driver. "You can ride up and down or go round and round!" "No, thanks! I'd just go **dizzy!**" smiled Thomas.

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Use the fairground colours in the story to help you finish colouring this picture!

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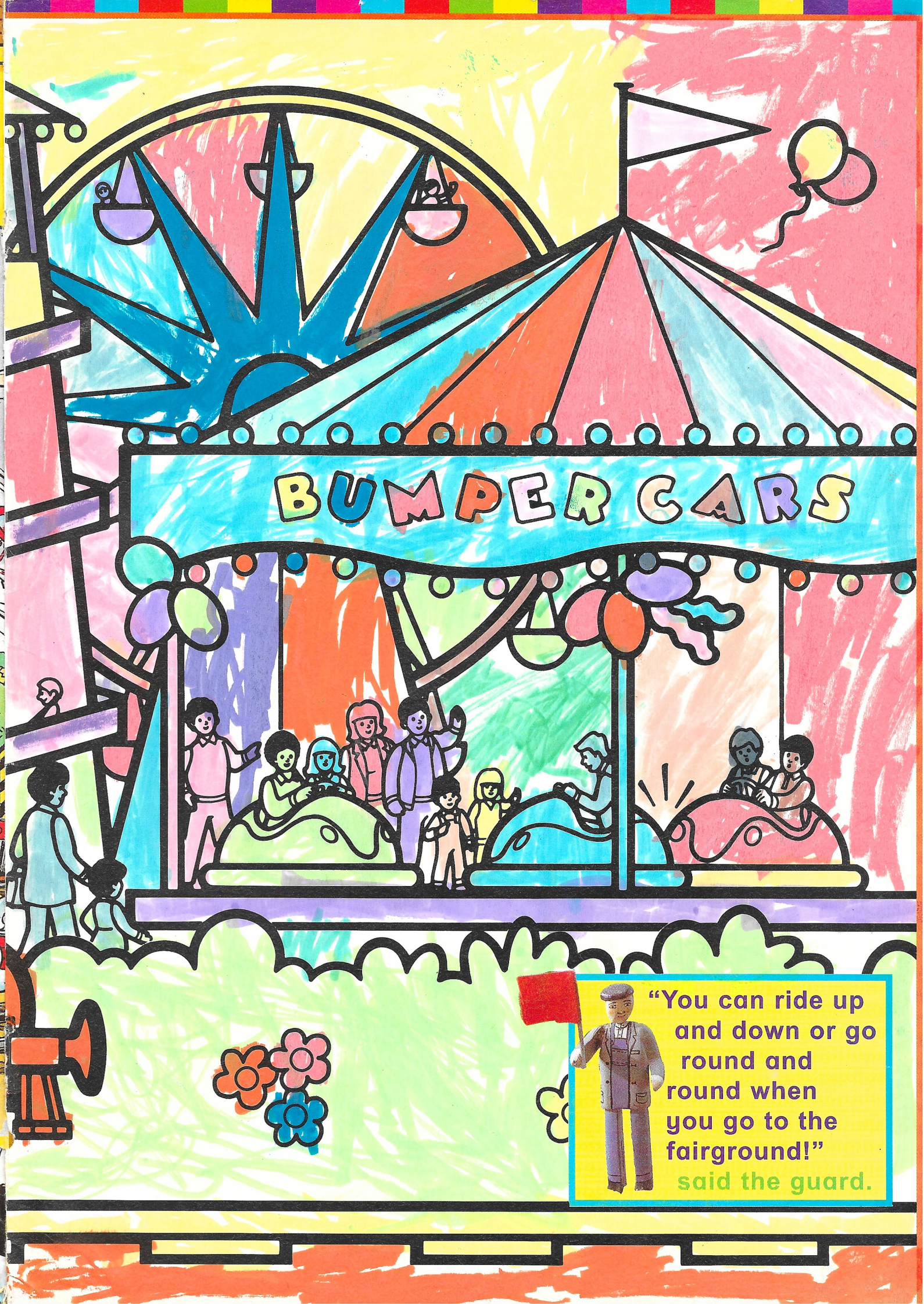
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